

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing a card game comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a deck of playing cards comprising:
 - (i) a standard deck of playing cards wherein the Jacks, Queens, and Kings have been revalued; and
 - (ii) a wild card;
 - (b) providing a player with an option to wager on playing Twenty-One or Poker or both;
 - (c) means for said player to wager to play Twenty-One and Poker;
 - (d) dealing two cards from said deck to said player and dealing a card from said deck to a dealer; and
 - (e) means for said player to play the conventional game of Twenty-One and play the conventional game of Poker, with a modification that the total value of a Poker hand may not exceed 21.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said Jacks are revalued as 2, said Queens are revalued as 3, and said Kings are revalued as 4 and said wild card is a Joker.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of paying said player an amount based on pre-determined odds in relation to said wager if said player wins.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein said deck includes 53 cards.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may not make an insurance wager and may not split pairs.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may double down on any two to five cards.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said dealer must hit if the value of said dealer's hand is less than soft or hard 18.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said dealer must stand if the value of said dealer's hand is soft or hard 18 or greater.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may receive a maximum of six cards.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said pre-determined odds for Twenty-One are as follows:

- (a) paying said player three-to-one odds if said player has a Blackjack, even if said dealer also has a Blackjack;
- (b) paying said player two-to-one odds if said player has a hand comprising five or six cards, excluding said Joker, having a total value of 21; and
- (c) paying said player one-to-one odds if said player has a hand having a higher value than said dealer.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the conventional game of Poker is further modified such that said player may draw as many cards as said player requests.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the conventional game of Poker is further modified such that said Joker is a wild card.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said pre-determined odds for Poker are as follows:

| Winning Poker Combination | Pre-determined Odds |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Royal Flush plus Joker | 1000-to-1 |
| Five of a Kind (including Joker) | 200 -to-1 |
| Royal Flush | 100-to-1 |
| Straight Flush | 50-to-1 |
| Four of a Kind | 20-to-1 |
| Full House | 11-to-1 |
| Flush | 9-to-1 |
| Straight | 6-to-1 |

| Winning Poker Combination | Pre-determined Odds |
|--|----------------------------|
| Three of a Kind | 4-to-1 |
| Two Pair | 3-to-1 |
| A Pair of 9s or 10s | 2-to-1 |
| A Pair Aces to 8s or a pair of Jacks, Queens, or Kings | 1-to-1 |

14. The method of claim 1 further comprising an option for said player to wager on playing a Bonus Game wherein the rules of said Bonus Game is substantially the same as the rules of Poker with the exception that said pre-determined odds for said Bonus game are higher than that of Poker.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said pre-determined odds for said Bonus Game are as follows:

| Winning Poker Combination | Pre-determined Odds |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Royal Flush plus Joker | 1,000,000-to-1 |
| Five of a Kind (including Joker) | 1000-to-1 |
| Royal Flush | 500-to-1e |
| Straight Flush | 200-to-1 |
| Four of a Kind | 50-to-1 |
| Full House | 20-to-1 |
| Flush | 20-to-1 |
| Straight | 10-to-1 |
| Winning Poker Combination | Pre-determined Odds |

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| Three of a Kind | 5-to-1 |
| Two Pair | 4-to-1 |
| A Pair of 9s or 10s | 3-to-1 |
| A Pair of Aces to 8s or a pair of Jacks, Queens, or Kings | - |

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising an option to wager on playing said Bonus Game and Twenty-One.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15 and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Twenty-One of claim 10 if said player wins.

18. The method of claim 15 further comprising an option for said player to wager on playing said Bonus Game and Poker.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15 and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Poker of claim 13 if said player wins.

20. The method of claim 15 further comprising an option to wager on playing said Bonus Game, Poker, and Twenty-One wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15, a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Poker of claim 13, and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Twenty-One of claim 10 if said player wins.